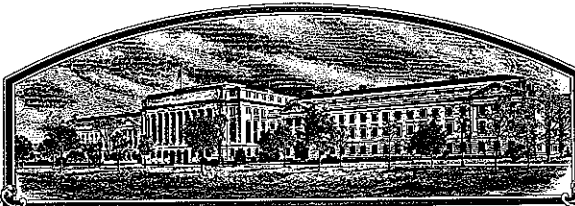


No.



9500287

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Asgrow Seed Company

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE APPLICANT(S) TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR PROPAGATING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'A5843'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirty-first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

Attest:

Marsha A. Hunter
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

W. L. Galt
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) Asgrow Seed Company		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NO. XP5643	3. VARIETY NAME A5843
4. ADDRESS (street and no. or R.F.D. no., city, state, and ZIP) 2605 E. Kilgore Road Kalamazoo, Mich. 49002		5. PHONE (include area code) 616-384-5548	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9500287 Filing Date AUGUST 31, 1995 Time <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M. Filing and Examination Fee \$2450.00 Date AUGUST 14, 1995 Certificate Fee \$300.00 Date DEC. 6, 1996
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine Max	7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminose		
8. CROP KIND NAME (Common Name) Soybean	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION October 1990		
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation			
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware	12. DATE OF INCORPORATION March 22, 1968		

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS

Wayne Hoener 7039-248-24 Asgrow Seed Company Kalamazoo, Mich.	Alan Walker Asgrow Seed Company 5926 Hwy 14 East Janesville, Wisconsin 53546
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14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow INSTRUCTIONS on reverse)

- a. ☒ Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety
b. ☒ Exhibit B. Novelty Statement
c. ☒ Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety
d. ☒ Exhibit D. Additional Description of Variety
e. ☒ Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership
f. ☒ Seed Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds) Date Seed Sample mailed to Plant Variety Protection Office _____
g. ☒ Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,150) made payable to "Treasurer of the United States"

15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)

☐ YES (If "YES" answer items 16 and 17 below) ☒ NO (If "NO," skip to item 18 below)

16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?

☐ YES ☒ NO

17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?

☐ FOUNDATION ☐ REGISTERED ☐ CERTIFIED

18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.?

☐ YES (If "YES," through ☐ Plant Variety Protection Act ☐ Patent Act Give date _____)
☒ NO

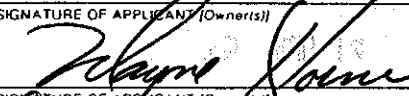

19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?

☐ YES (If "YES," give names of countries and dates)
☒ NO

20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) 	CAPACITY OR TITLE Wayne Hoener	DATE 8/7/95
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) 	CAPACITY OR TITLE Director of Soybean Research	DATE 9-12-94

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EXHIBIT A
ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF A5843

- 1988 Cross was made at Queenstown, Maryland
Parentage: Hutcheson*A5403
- 1988-89 F1 and F2 generation grown near Isabela, Puerto Rico.
(Winter)
- 1989 F3 generation grown at Queenstown, Md. 150 plants were
selected, thrashed individually and sent to Puerto Rico
for increase.
- 1990 The experimental line was given the designation
BR881607 P90-10612 and was yield tested at 3 locations.

It was in October 1990 that BR881607 P90-10612 was
determined to be a stable and unique line.
- 1991 BR881607 P90-10612 was entered in an advanced yield
trial and grown at 10 locations in 5 states. It was
selected for its yield, disease tolerance and
maturity. It was given the designation XR5643.
- 1992 XR5643 was yield tested at 12 different locations in
7 states and was selected for its yield, appearance,
disease tolerance and maturity. 2 units of breeder seed
were sent to Puerto Rico for increase. XR5643 was given
the designation XP5643.
- 1993 XP5643 was grown in 5 advanced yield trials in 6 states
and was selected.
Basic seed was produced at Matthews, Missouri.
XP5643 was nominated for release and assigned the
designation A5843.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/1/94 BY 1043

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EXHIBIT B

NOVELTY STATEMENT CONCERNING A5843

To our knowledge, the soybean varieties that closely resemble A5843 are Hutcheson and FFR561. Characteristics which differentiate A5843 include but are not limited to:

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|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1) Height | A5843 | 92cm |
| | Hutcheson | 82cm |
| 2) Cyst Reaction | Race 3 | Race 14 |
| | A5843 | R |
| | Hutcheson | S |
| | FFR561 | S |

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Asgrow Seed Company	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION XP5643	VARIETY NAME A5843
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 9638-190-23 Gull Road Bldg. 190 Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9500287

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a) 2 = Type B (SP1^b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 31 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 21 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 1

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 8

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

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☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

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☐ 0Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

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☐ 0

Race 1

☐

Race 2

☐

Race 3

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Race 4

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Race 5

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Other (Specify)

☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)☐ 0Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 0Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

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☐ 0Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 2Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

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FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
- ☐ 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 1 Race 2 ☐ 1 Race 3 ☐ 1 Race 4 ☐ 1 Race 5 ☐ 0 Race 6 ☐ 1 Race 7
- ☐ 1 Race 8 ☐ 1 Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ 2 Other (Specify) Race 14
- ☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	Hutcheson	Seed Coat Luster	Hutcheson
Leaf Shape	Hutcheson	Seed Size	Hutcheson
Leaf Color	Hutcheson	Seed Shape	Hutcheson
Leaf Size	Hutcheson	Seedling Pigmentation	Hutcheson

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
A5843	159	2.5	92	9	14	41.9	20.0	16	
Hutcheson	157	2.9	82	8	12	41.1	20.4	15	

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EXHIBIT D
ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIETY

A5843 is a mid group V soybean variety which matures about 2 days later than A5403. A5843 has resistance to soybean cyst nematode races 3 and 14. A5843 is a determinate plant type with white flowers, gray pubescence, tan pod walls and dull seed with buff hila.

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EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT OF BASIS OF APPLICANT OWNERSHIP

A5843 was originated and developed by Bill Rhodes, an Asgrow plant breeder. By agreement with Asgrow Seed Company, all rights to any invention, discovery or development made by employees are assigned to the company. No rights of such invention, discovery or development are returned by the employee.

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